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In re Application of: : Docket: ACH2851 US
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Dennis Stamires et al. : Examiner: Thuan D. Dang
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Serial No.: 10/066,078 : Group Art Unit: 1764
Filing Date: January 31, 2002 :
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on November 9, 2004
subjecting instant claims 1-27 to a restriction requirement.

Applicants elect claims 1-24 to be examined, without traverse, subject to
the understanding that only claims 18-24 are drawn to a clay composition.
Claims 1-17 are to a process for the preparation of a clay composition.

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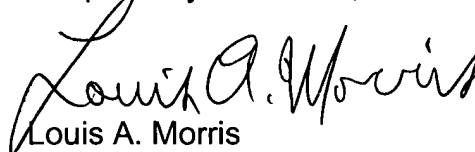
November 22, 2004

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Applicants respectfully request that the instant application proceed to examination.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis A. Morris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Louis" being more prominent.

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